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Construction on the Ashton/Island Park Ranger District

Island Park, Idaho – The Ashton/Island Park Ranger District of the Caribou-Targhee National Forest has begun reconstruction of Grandview Campground at Lower Mesa Falls. The district is reconstructing the campground and drilling a well. The campground has never had water, so visitors at Grandview Campground and Lower Mesa Falls will have access to water beginning with the 2004 operating season. The district is also putting electricity to the new host site.

The boat access at Grandview Campground will remain open to the public for access this season; however there will be **NO PARKING** in the campground. All public using the boat access will need to use the Lower Mesa Falls Parking Lot for their vehicles once they have unloaded their boats. There will be times when there will be water line trenches across the road and access will be blocked. The public can call Ashton Office at 208-652-7442 or Island Park Office at 208-558-7301 to see if the boat launch is accessible during the summer.

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Construction of new parking lot, access road, restrooms, picnic sites, drinking water and additional universally accessible trails at Upper Mesa Falls is also underway this summer. Operations at Upper Mesa Falls will not be affected. The site is still open to the public.

The public will want to be aware that there will be truck traffic on the Mesa Falls Scenic Byway due to this construction work at Upper Mesa Falls and Grandview Campground. There will be trucks on the road going from the byway down to Upper Mesa Falls. Forest Officials urge visitors to please be cautious. Signs will be in place notifying the public of the construction.

For more information concerning this project, please call Kaye Orme at 208-558-7301 or either of the Ashton/Island Park Offices.